

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative Harold Love for his many years of dedicated service to the Tennessee General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this Body should recognize those fellow lawmakers who have performed their elected duties with the greatest acumen and professionalism and who have served as models of competence and integrity for other representatives and senators; and

WHEREAS, when this legislature convened at the beginning of the 1995 Session of the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly, the House felt the loss of one of its finest and most highly respected members to retirement, Representative Harold M. Love of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, during the course of his thirteen terms as a member of this General Assembly, Harold Love was an honorable figure on Capitol Hill, and he was prominent among his colleagues as a highly capable and conscientious legislator; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure as representative of the 54th House District, Harold Love brought a degree of enthusiasm and legislative skill to his duties that was truly refreshing; and

WHEREAS, Representative Love was a driving force behind a great deal of important and essential legislation during his storied career in the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, born in Nashville, the son of the late Samuel D. and Lillian C. Love, Harold Love attended Nashville public schools and later graduated with a bachelor of science degree from Tennessee State University and a master of arts degree from Fisk University; and

WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction in the United States Army during World War II, as part of the forces in England, France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and Germany;

for his valiant efforts, Mr. Love was awarded three Battle Stars and the Distinguished Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Love previously worked with the Atlanta Life Insurance Company and was the company's top salesman; since 1967 he has been a Special Agent and Registered Representative with Prudential Insurance Company; and

WHEREAS, he holds the distinction of being the third African-American elected to the Nashville City Council and Metropolitan Davidson County Council, and he was re-elected three times to serve as Councilman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Love served with acumen and distinction as chairman of the Davidson County Legislative Delegation, as an elected member of the Legislative Council and Fiscal Review Committees, as chairman of the Select Joint Committee on Child Abuse and Child Sexual Abuse, as chairman of the House Subcommittee on Corrections, for 15 years as vice-chairman of the House State and Local Government Committee and as that august committee's chairman from 1989 to 1994; and

WHEREAS, despite the demands placed upon him, Harold Love has still found time to give his considerable talents to the Gamma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Tennessee State University National Alumni Association, the Board of Directors for sickle cell anemia research at Meharry Medical College, MDHA Drug Free Task Force, Tennessee Association of Life Underwriters, Board of Trustees for Lee Chapter AME Church, North Nashville Community Council, Fisk University, Northend Citizenship Association, of which he is president and founder, Man of Distinction Homicide Reduction Program, Fisk University National Alumni Association and Nashville Fisk Club, the Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators, of which he was a founder, and the Payne Chapel AME Church; and

WHEREAS, Harold Love evinces his robust faith in the Lord as a member of the Lee Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where he serves as a member of the trustee board; and

WHEREAS, his many prestigious awards and accolades aside, Mr. Love is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his devoted wife of 35 years, the former Mary Alice Yancey; their four daughters, Crystal, Candyce, Cheryl and Carolyn; one son, Harold Love, Jr.; and 2 grandchildren, Christian and Kendall; and

WHEREAS, although Representative Love's venerable career in this House has come to an end as he has retired, we are forever grateful to this outstanding public servant for his many noteworthy contributions; and

WHEREAS, the members of this House wish to bid a fond farewell to our dear friend and colleague Harold Love; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor Representative Harold Love for his remarkable service to the people of Davidson County and Tennessee, as a member of the General Assembly, express our thanks and appreciation for a job well done and extend to him our sincere wishes for every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.